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The President and Retirement.

President Wilson has indirectly rebuked bureaucrats who would arbitrarily interpret the Sterling-Lehlbach retirement law to suit their own conveniences, by instructing the Cabinet to adopt some uniform policy for the guidance of the government departments in the application of the new statute.

The attitude of the Chief Executive will end forthwith blanket but all very joyfull withal. Then to welcome Gov. Cox in Washington orders retiring everybody who has reached the prescribed age limit, regardless of whether they are still capable of efficient service within midnight to tell me a strange story. from his State at the San Franthe meaning of the statute.

Congress definitely provided "That if within sixty days after the passage of this act, or not less than thirty days before the arrival icler of Broadway for the Morning frame in proportion. of an employe at the age of retirement, the head of the department, tion in years—ten to be exact. He in his college days and his battlebranch or independent office of the government in which he or she is going ao London to write four cry in the convention, at critical is employed, certifies to the Civil Service Commission that by reason around in his head for some time, on the line!" of his or her efficiency and willingness to remain in the Civil Service No first night is complete without of the United States, the continuance of such employe therein would is a howling success without him be advantageous to the public service, such employe may be retained as a toastmaster. He is the best for a period not exceeding two years upon approval and certification wolf came from a little town upby the Civil Service Commission." That language is both plain and specific, and yet certain Cabinet Lewis suggested a job for him on

officers and department heads have deliberately chosen to disregard the Telegraph. Between first nights it by refusing to sign such certifications, and in effect establishing a many of them in collaboration with policy that all superannuates must be summarily separated from the his best friend, Channing Pollack. service, once the retirement age is reached.

Some uniform policy is certainly desirable. Secretary of War Baker has certified twenty-three out of 148 subject to retirement whose continued employment he deems advantageous to the service. but there is something that re- New York's New Labor Dictator On the other hand Postmaster General Burleson, until the President Bryan in the five-story fall that a intervened, had ruled that no such certifications should be made in Bronx man had the other day. After the Postoffice Department, and the only appeal from his decision was to the White House.

Secretary of the Interior Payne recently ruled that each retirement case should be treated upon its individual merits and a these days are ghostly in their humanitarian spirit shown in the application of the law. It is under- whiteness. It is startling - even humanitarian spirit shown in the application of the law. It is understood that the President is in full accord with this ruling. In taking
this stand the administration reveals a desire to follow the spirit as

New fork, July 18.—Mr. Brindell
twenty-eight are stores and the rest twenty-eight are stores a well as the letter of the law, which is as it should be.

Great Lakes to Tide Water.

Owners, managers, shippers and employes of railways in the penciled black shadows. Only one United States may just as well now as later adjust themselves to the fact that many conditions existing prior to the war never can be re- A young girl 19 went out with stored. For instance, freight originating in the interior of the coun- first "party" one day last week. She yond seas. A considerable part of it is to find its way by water to the Gulf, and thence to our national customers. But whether it goes was taken to a hospital in convuling to neighboring cities with build- builders, \$9; wood lathers, \$9; brickby water or by rail along north or south short-haul routes, it is not going to be distributed to Philadelphia, New York and Boston and made of wool alcohol. The other Council of New York City with a ters, \$9; steam and hot water fit-Portland as generously as formerly.

If it does go Europeward by way of the North Atlantic it may go from lake ports down the St. Lawrence and out to sea that way. We say may, because the plan now backed by fourteen of the Central Western States, which contemplates this solution of a strategic traffic problem, may be blocked by hostile "interests." Nevertheless, there is hope for the project because public opinion in an important political territory is for it. Moreover, the propaganda work necessary to carry it through is heading up. Fifteen hundred delegates meet in Detroit this week to push the matter. Eminent public men, trade experts, and representatives of great producing industries in the interior, will address these delegates. A fight for victory in Congress among your cattle. is being planned. What is needed most, once Congress makes provision for the financing of dam construction on forty-six miles of put none of the evil diseases of St. Lawrence River front between Lake Ontario and Montreal, is rapid use of the funds under adequate engineering advice.

Renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty.

The league of nations, as a proviso in the covenant decrees, has been informed that the two maritime powers, Great Britain and Japan, have agreed to extend for another year the treaty between them originating in 1911, and in one important detail modified by the 1914 treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and the United States, them: but shalt well remember China's formal protest against renewal of this Anglo-Japanese compact without her being consulted, has thus been of no effect. Equally ineffectual has been the opposition of British trading inter- the wonders, and the mighty hand, ests in the Far East, and the protests of Australian public opinion. and the stretched out arm, whereby The nominal reason given for extension, given by the British gov- out: so shall the Lord thy God do ernment, is that there has not been time enough since the war closed unto all the people of whom thou to arrange with the dominions a policy respecting possession of former German holdings in the Far East; and there doubtless is some will send the hornet among them. basis for the statement.

On the other hand, it is quite as likely that both London and Tokyo agreed that factors were emerging in the Asiatic situation far among you, a mighty God and terfrom friendly to both nations, and that until more light was shed on rible. the military, political and social evolution of Siberia, China and put out those nations before thee Middle Asia, it was prudent to let a compact stand that assured by little and little: thou mayest common action against a common enemy. Moreover, domestic conditions in each country are such as to incline officials shaping the thee. national foreign policy to go slew in making any needless changes. 23 But the Lord thy God shall A "walking delegate" walks no The alliance creates responsibilities that in certain contingencies might destroy them with a mighty de- more. He has become a "business be costly in life and treasure; but on the other hand it tends just struction, until they be destroyed. agent." His union provides him be costly in life and treasure; but on the other hand it tends just 24 And he shall deliver their with a motor car, gaseline included of the newspaper properties of the newspaper properties of the newspaper properties of the newspaper properties of the late Senator Oliver. But let him is good insurance.

Now they are going after the crooked bookmakers in France. Crooked betting and crooked riding have scandalized Paris to such sods shall ye burn with fire: thou ing becomes a park for automoan extent that the Chamber of Deputies is passing legislation to that is on them, nor take it unto business each day in smart cars. head off the crooks. The sport of kings-and the multitude-has thee, lest thou be snared therein: which recalls the interesting case always had its parasites, but their business becomes increasingly Lord thy God.

It's very nice of District Commissioner Brownlow to call Gov. Cox a former Washingtonian, but the Democratic nominee has always voted, which makes him something else.

In the final analysis the politicians are worrying more about X the unknown quantity known as the independent voter, than they are about Article X.

For sale or exchange: Political machine, 1920 model, used only once; badly in need of polishing; originally listed at 48, but marked the way which the Lord thy God 434 new buildings fi'ed with the

England still sells the cup that cheers, but not the kind that Sir

By O. O. McIntyre

New York, July 18 .- A page from the diary of a modern Samuel Pepys: Up early and to the depot to see W Larkin and Mistress Charlotte, home from India, and he brought me a noble carving. We fared forth by coach to Bowling Green. There light, and talked of many things,

Great news that Sir James Cox is Sir Warren Harding is a good man in Washington.

Called to account this day for a foolish letter writ a friend in anger should be cudgetled for a fool. My dog is without fleas for the first summer, thank heaven.

To my haberdasher where I selected light, yellow, silken gloves and so through the city, not a little proud. God knows, to meet several scriveners who feigned not to notice my little conceit. Yet I know well

they were eaten with jealousy. Home and fell to reading Stevenson's tale of the South Seas and so absorbed that I forgot the company my wife, poor wretch, had invited lay late reading and J. Gwynn came knocking at my chambers long past Maryland, who led the Cox forces

Rennold Wolf-Toastmaster. Rennold Wolf, the famous chron-Telegraph, is taking his first vacaplays that have been rattling balloting moments, was "hold 'em Ren. And no banquet-wet or dry-State. He knocked around on Park he managed to write fourteen plays, It is rumored on Broadway that he has decided to give up newspaper work, but the theatrical profession

is hoping it is just a rumor. I don't know exactly what it is minds me of William he struck the pavement he jumped up and walked away with a broad

White Faces a Fad.

The faces of women in New York Broadway splotch to be a fad along the avenue. Rouge is banned. But under the eyes are if description fits it. It is merely dis-

some young men and women on her

tongues and from the edition "Our Mothers' Bible."

all people: there shall not be male remark: or female barren among you, or

15 And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will Egypt, which thou knowest, upon but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

the people which the Lord thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall tions in Ireland. Brindell's master have no pity upon them: neither achievement for labor is the "dolshalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

heart. These nations are more than

I; how can I dispossess them? 18 Thou shalt not be afraid of what the Lord thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; 19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the Lord thy God brought thee

art afraid. 20 Moreover the Lord thy God until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.

thou have destroyed them.

abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but

a cursed thing. CHAPTER 8. An exportation to obedience

command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and wall Street ferry along with the multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers.

led thee these forty years in the New York Bureau of Buildings f r wilderness, to humble thee, and to the first six months of 1920 does prove thee, to know what was in his commandments, or no. To Be Continued

New York City Notes by a Washington Observer

Government Drafts Answer to Foreign Power -Cox Finds Letter at White House-Summer Widowers in Cabinet.

siderable magnitude may be expecteat newly catched mackerel and hot ed within the course of the next day or two. A ringing pronunciamento from the State Department involvnominated, albeit I know little of ing a burning issue between the politics. While I laboured on an op- United States and another great position journal in Dayton I learned power has been completed in draft to know his fine qualities and shall form, and, after dispatch to the vote for him, yet I know, too, that government in question will presumably be given prompt publicity

Stadium a Prison Camp.

Washington authorities interestand we talked long and earnestly ed in certain official aspects of the with the result that we are on bet- forthcoming Olympic games in Belter terms and I am resolved 1 glum recall that it was planned, but for the war, to hold them in Germany in 1916. Berlin built a vast concrete and steel stadium for the purpose in the sylvan suburb of Grunewald and had otherwise completed extensive preparations for the entertainment athletes. The stadium is within the fashionable Grunewald race course, the appurtenances of which during the war were used for prisonercamp purposes.

"Giant" Greets Cox.

One of the "biggest" Democrats Saturday was "Cy" Cummings, of cisco conventian. Mr. Cummings stands six feet five inches in his stocking feet, with a mountainous exceedingly husky football player

Wheeler Poor Prophet.

Although Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas, author of the prohibition amendment, is going to stump the country for Cox, the Anti-Saloon league is understood to be preparing to let down a fierce barrage over the Cox and Roosevelt trenches. Wayne B. Wheeler, generalissimo of the league, turned out to be a false prophet at San Francisco. He told his lieutenants that the Ohio governor might reach 600 - 128 fewer votes than the necessary two-thirds -but that there were enough, and

Diplomatic developments of con- more than enough, dry votes in the steady journalistic attack upon policonvention to frustrate a Cox nom- cles and persons. It is a custom

Churches Wondering.

Washington clergymen are wonchurch" after March, 1921. During his successor a fair show. Mr. Wilthe past eight years, Central Pres-byterian, where President Wilson to record the history he has made Senator Harding is a Baptist and let contemporary politics alone. Gov. Cox belongs to the sect of the This habit of public personages, an Episcopalian.

German Beneficial.

Dr. F. W. Ballou, Washington's superintendent of education, stick to their lasts and keep out of has a knotty problem to wrestle - whether or not to reinstall the study of German in the District public schools. Nothing would please the Germans b der than to have foreign trade rivals like Americans banish the teaching of German. A celebrated Teuton once said to the writer: "When one knows the language of a foreign country, one Pointer of the class of 1877, had a has a key to that country. We Germans don't want too many keys to our country in circulation." He said that in explanation of the German's notorious zeal to master the language of other nations.

Alone For Summer.

or Wednesday. who is occupying the family mansion in K street during the absence of Mrs. Colby and their daughters on the Northern seashore.

What Does It Mean?

Do coming events cast their shadows before? When Gov. Cox reached the executive mansion yesterday morning, he found awaiting him a letter addressed "The Hon. James M. Cox, White House.

Grapples With Housing Problem As Workmen Better Standards the "might makes right" theory do

By RAYMOND G. CARROLL.

give the appearance of the mask window on the second floor at the arti-rest agitation has st pped Chicago's Jewish merchant, Julcheeks with red. Whiteness seems looking us over carefully, he added: he can make an appointment." was the reply, "it was

only in regard to housing relief for the working people that we called."

New Labor Dictator. Robert P. Brindell is the new la-Three hours later she trial field whose influence is spread- \$9:

> spends the week-ends with his smooth-shaven, steely gray eyes with a heavy lower lip. He pos-sesses nerve, and can outbluff the average antagonist; the sort of man who on a yacht for the first

14 Thou shalt be blessed above time, takes the tiller with the cool "I'll sail it," and does. He has a

good tailor, but wears no diamonds. His rise is a matter of about twenty-four months, coming to the "walking delegate," he succeeded ideal. to investigate social condilar-a-day" increase for all trades which went into effect May 1.

More Than Legislation.

Borough President Henry H. Curasked Gov. Smith for an extra sesto enable the city to build new tenearistocracy of labor, what they contract.

In Columbus, Ohio, some of the 21 Thou shalt not be affrighted It is a question if the modern mein a six-story "walk-up," the char-acter of building there is talk of being constructed by the municipality on ground owned by the city. Lenine and Trotzky, the Russian them turned back with demands for

shalt destroy their name from un- tail-end of a trolley car or comder heaven: there shall no man be ing up from the bowels of the subable to stand before thee, until way is no longer considered good form. St. Mark's place, when the 25 The graven images of their Building Trades Council has a meetfor it is an abomination to the of Jerry Flynn, a compositor who 26 Neither shalt thou bring an allous and capable, and when death took off the venerable exchange edthou shalt utterly detest it, and iter on the Park Row newpaper thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is where Jerry stuck type, he was invited to fill the vacancy. All that Jerry's friends noticed of a change in the hab'ts of Jerry was that instead of crossing the East cess of their journals. River with the usual meb at the Williamsburg Bridge, he went a mite and a half out of his way

> financiers. Anti-Rent Detemental.

net promise much housing relief. heart, whether thou wouldest Only twenty-five are fami'y dwelling places. Sixteen are apartment

the investment.

rachanics in some of the leading building trades, exclusive of double time for overtime, follow:

Carpenters, \$3; electrical wor of bor dictator of New York |City: a ss marble carvers, \$10; iron workbrandy—the first drink she had coming man in the national indus- ers, \$9; plasterers, \$9.50; tile layers, hoisting engineers, \$10; dock sions. The next day she was per- ing problems. Officially, Brindell is layers, \$10; roofers and sheet metal was president of the Building Trades workers, \$9; plumbers and gas fitmade of wool alcohol. The other countries at the left with a ters, \$9; steam and not water no members of the party only suffered salary of \$20,000 a year, and proters, \$9; elevator constructors, \$9, to Belgium as Minister, it was said vided with two automobiles. He has and riggers and machinery movers. that he did so because he wanted a a town house in Daly avenue, Ford- \$9. All of these master trades have post with a minimum of work and "helpers." the new name given Lake, in the Adirondacks, where he "laborers," for whom the average wage is \$7 a day.

big-boned, in the Building Trades Employers Association at 30 West Thirty-third One of these employers said:

Millionaires Blamed.

labor. Aside from the advancing Germans; and he has written one New York had only forests on one tling down to write some fiction; apex of labor direction from out of side and stone quarries on the but if he is it will be of a more the dockbuilders' union, where, as other, then conditions would be serious sort than anything he has Duluth, Minn., ought to be Jim Daly when that happy-go-lucky the perfect construction town with tered into his soul. He has not be 16 And thou shalt consume all individual went across the "big its proximity to steel sources, ce- come a cynic. Far from it. He saw

The Gotham Building Trade Em- the Belgians. But he knows the ployers have had two stiff tussels depths of human depravity better with labor dictators in the past than he used to in Toledo. His op-They still talk with bated breath timism is of a more rational sort. of the long, hard-drawn fight with Belgian love for him must keep Sam Parks, who died in Sing Sing him toned up. The government has ran, of Manhattan, who yesterday prison. The second labor king to be just given him a fine marble porwas "Diamond uncrowned Phil" sion of the New York legislature to Weinseimer, after another carrying is to be put in the Houses of Paramend the State constitution so as of troubles into the grand jury liament. room. P. H. McCarthy, of San Franments, evidently has not heard of cisco, is the only big city labor dic-Brindell, for Mr. Curran expects that tator who has kept his ascendency housing relief is simply a matter of for a long period. He has been diclegislation. It is much more than tating for twenty years on the Pathat these days, and the first factor cific slope, and he is still the autoto be considered should be the new crat of the San Francisco building

"We have only ourselves to blame, as we set labor the example of luxlabor unions are building their own ury and display," said one reflective houses in the suburbs co-operatively. and philosophical millionaire build-"They have copied the ways of at them: for the Lord thy God is chanic of Gotham would care to live the rich. Only they are a few years behind, for it is chiefly the moving July 19 to 26, Mountain Lake Park picture magnates, and the war profiteers who are now filling the Md. streets with their huge automobiles. Most of the really important men either use the subway or the bus

> A number of years ago Darcy O'Connor, the veteran advertising man, who is now bringing out the Traveler Magazine, went to Pitts-

Walked to Business. "I was amazed to find George T.

and Augustus, the Senator's sons, walking daily to their business," he said. "'Why don't you use your mo tor cars? I asked. that they did not think it exactly tactful to bring their large machines into the business section of the city. Their newspapers were published, they said, to be read by all classes, and they did not want to flaunt their wealth in the face of those who could ill afford cars. I fancy that sensible attitude has had something to do with their personal popularity and the subsequent suc-

TOOTH OUT, MELBA **QUICKLY RECOVERS**

Mme. Melba, grand opera singer. is a booster for dentists now. The madame was sick for several years in Paris. Doctors X-rayed her and finally found a little hole in a tooth, had it pulled and she has "felt like Of the remaining 409 a million dollars" ever since.

In the Limelight By George Perry Morris.

Mr. Wilson's Future Writings. If he follows the example of dent Wilson, after next March, will do what Presidents prior to them never did, namely, use the press for more honored in the breach than in the observance, in the opinion of many persons conservative in tem-"United Brethren." Since his resi- men in and out of office, striving to dence in Dayton, Mr. Cox has at- capture the magazines and become tended Christ Episcopal Church in "star" contributors is getting on the that city, of which Mrs. Cox is a nerves of high-grade space writers member. Republican Vice Presiden- of England. Clement Shorter, for tial candidate Coolidge is a Con-gregationalist and Franklin D. has been growling at the rates paid Roosevelt, his Democratic opponent. Winston Churchilf, minister of war. and Lord Birkenhead, the lord high chancellor, and the frequency with which their names appear.

wants the ministerial cobblers the way of impecunious journalists who have no other source of income The Hero of Tientsin.

They have just buried in Kentucky Col. James A. Maney, who was in command of the American forces at Tientsin during the Boxer uprising in China. He was a West chance to show his mettle in the Philippines. In 1900 duty had called Col. Maney to China and he went through an experience that no previous leader of a body of American troops had been called upon to Mitchell Palmer, Attorney-Gener- undergo. He has died just as China il, is expected back at his desk in has begun to have another chapter the Department of Justice. Tuesday of civil war; but with both factions 1918-19 France imported 128,000,000 bushels. Mrs. Palmer and thoroughly aware that foreigners their daughter will remain at the must not be made to undergo the family summer home near Strouds-perils that Col. Maney and his troops burg, Pa., over the summer. Another barely saved them from when Tiencabinet grass widower is Bain-bridge Colby, Secretary of State, and besieged It is not at all proband besieged. It is not at all probable that Ambassador Crane will duplicate the experience of Ambassador Conger.

Minister Gibson

Preferring just now the grave responsibilities of Minister to Poland to the duties of an Assistant Secretary of State in Washington, Hon. Hugh Gibson is doing what he can while at home on a furlough to educate his countrymen to appreciate the precise problems that Poland faces, problems that have grown so much graver since he left Warsaw. If he gets back to the Polish capital he may find conditions approximating those he saw in Belgium in the worst days of occupation by the Gerits worst under Teuton executioners; he may have the chance to see the buildings, 269 are stables and ga- same theory practiced by Jugo-New York, July 18.-Mr. Brindell rages, forty-eight offi e buildings, Slavic artists in social sabotage.

Only the women of New Brindell Labor Temple at 12 dwelling-house erection, speculators ius Rosenwald, has done more to-Daily wages rail to New York new offer planning to give \$25,000 eign trade of France for the first four months of each year. to any city that raises not less than \$125,000 from white and colored donors. Thus part of the income from the largest mail order business in the country finds its way back into circulation in the veins of an organization that provides youth For with inexpensive clubs conforming Ind to ethical standards.

Brand Whitlock

When Brand Whitlock first went To leaving him a maximum of time completion of literary planned before he left the country. There are about 1,000 contracting Destiny saw to it that he got a for a minimum of literary work along lines traveled by him earlier in life. Destiny also demanded that once there was a chance for authorship he should first tell of his ex-"Our difficulties do not rest with periences with the Belgians and the produced hitherto. The iron has entoo much splendid humanity among trait bust of himself; and a replica

Events of Today

Americanization Summer School, par.) Americanization Summer School, old Central High, evening classes, Beginning of Epworth conference

First of a series of cabaret dances, Woman's City Club. Pan American Summer Commercial School opens at Pan American Building, 8:30. Meeting of Cathedral Heights Citi-

zens' Association, St. Albans Parish Hall, 8 p. m. Reorganization meeting, naval reserve force of District of Columbia. Naval Militia Armory, Water and O streets southwest.

Amusements. Garrick-Garrick Players in "Fair and Warmer. Poli's-"Don't Change Your Hus-

band." Belasco-"The Garden of Allah." Cosmos-Vaudeville and films. B. F. Keith's-Vaudeville. Strand-Vaudeville and films. Loew's Palace-Ethel Clayton in

The Ladder of Lies.'

Moore's Rialto - Alice Brady in A Dark Lantern." Crandall's Metropolitan --Rogers in "Jes' Call Me Jim." Metropolitan - Will Loew's Columbia-W. S. Hart in Crandall's-Nazimova in "Revela-

Crandall's Knickerbocker - Will Rogers in "Jes' Call Me Jim." Chevy Chase Lake—Dancing. Glen Echo-Resort Attractions. Great Falls Park-Resort facili-

Steamer Macalester-Daily excur-

sions to Mount Vernon. Marshall Hall - Resort Amusements. Chesapeake Beach-Resort attrac-Cabin John Bridge Park-Resort RECONSTRUCTION IN FRANCE

Good Progress Made in Rebuilding the Devastated Districts. Over 60 Per Cent of the Cereal Acreage in the Liberated Area Planted This Year. No Imports of Wheat Required Next Year. Exchange Conditions Improving.

By DR. FRANK M. SURFACE.

In 1914 the total national wealth of France was estimated \$65,000,000,000, or about \$1,650 per capita. Her gross indebtper. They like to see a President edness was approximately \$6,500,000,000, or 10 per cent of her dering which will be the "President's really quit when he retires and give wealth. At the end of 1919 the gross debt of France was approximately \$33,000,000,000, an increase of over 400 per cent. This represents a debt of about \$800 for every man, woman and child in the nation. Certainly there was no actual increase in the material wealth of France during the war but instead a large decrease. Calculated at present values, however, the paper wealth of France probably would be somewhat greater today than in 1914. Without going into this, it may be stated that the debt of France today is approximately 50 per cent of her total wealth in 1914.

With nearly 9,000,000 acres of her land devastated, hundreds of cities and towns destroyed, a large portion of her male population killed or crippled, and with serious financial and industrial troubles, it indeed a serious task to undertake the payment of this debt.

It is still too early to expect much of a showing in reconstruction but it is of interest to outline some of the progress made.

The following figures give some idea of the progress made in

recovering the agricultural land in the devastated area. Total land destroyed..... 8,735,000 Amount cleared to Feb. 1..... 6,405,000 Amount prepared for seeding.....

In clearing this land over 200,000,000 square yards of barbed wire have been removed and 160,000,000 cubic yards of earth have been used to fill the trenches. Approximately one-third of the devastated towns and villages have been cleared of debris and made ready for building. The land sown to cereals in these liberated districts in Spanish American war and in the 1919 was 37 per cent of the pre-war acreage while in 1920 it is 62

> The present wheat crop in France is the best in many years. The estimated yield this year from 12,090,000 acres is 275,000,000 bushels. 1913 the acreage sown was 16,062,000 and the production 325,000,000 bushels. By continuing the high milling rate used during the war France will not have to import any wheat next year. In

> In the industries also, France has made progress, especially in adapting her wartime industries to commercial production. For example, prior to the war France imported large quantities of raw themicals for her industries. These came principally from Germany. After 1914 France found it necessary to increase her production enormously. Since the armistice much interest has been taken in readjusting plants designed for the production of war chemicals to a peace production basis. The return of Alsace and Lorraine with the important deposits of potash and magnesium has given an added impetus to these industries. In 1913 the production of important chemicals France amounted to approximately 3,270,000 tons. Estimated from the production of the first 3 months of 1920 the total production this year should amount to over 7,000,000 tons or double that of 1913. From an importing country France should now be able to export considerable quantities of these chemicals. It is estimated that the 1920 output of the Alsace potash mines will be 1,320,000 tons of crude

potash or 220,000 tons of the pure potash. A recent statement by M. Tardieu, in charge of the reconstruction the devastated region, gives the total population driven out by war as 2,712,000, of which 1,583,000 have now returned. The following table has also been compiled from M. Tardieu's figures:

	Destroyed.	Recon- structed.	Per Ce Recor structe
Houses (number)	632,944	198,000	31
Railway lines (miles)	3,430	2,511	73
Canals (miles)	992	487	49
Roads (miles)	24,233	4,690	19
Bridges, etc. (number)		3,424	72
actories, etc. (number)	11,500	3,540	31

France's foreign trade increased notably in the early months of their white St. Mark's place this morning. After refusing to put their money into multiply associations conducted by this year. For the first four months of 1920 the total value of the winture which permits a county Christians for special work among exports were nearly 200 per cent greater than for the same period last Leave your names and I will see judge to regulate the seturn upon negroes than any Christian has year. Imports on the other hand increased less than 20 per cent. done. Now he comes forth with a The following table gives a few of the important facts about the for-

	EXPORTS		
	4 months	4 months	Per cent
	1920 (francs)	(francs)	crease over
odstuff	474,522,000	169,685,000	179.6
dustrial material	1,237,971,000	238,177,000	419.8
anufactured articles	2,861,362,000	1,038,705,000	175.5
otal Exports	4,760,796,000	1,606,436,000	196.3

Total Imports......10,654,557,000 8,918,017,000 The improvement in foreign trade, the prospect of a large crop, the possibility of an advance payment of the reparation claims by Germany, and the money spent by the increased number of foreign tourists have had a favorable effect upon the French exchange. In appearance Brindell suggests firms in the greater city centering maximum of official labor and time approximate monthly rates of French exchange in New York since January, 1919, are given below. Before the war the par value of the franc was 19.3 cents or 5.18 francs per dollar. During most of the war period the French exchange was held at 5.45 but after the withdrawal of the support of the American Treasury in March, 1919, the value of the French money decreased very rapidly. At its low point in April of this year it required nearly 16 francs to equal one dollar. in construction materials, of the most durable books that has This is a depreciation of 200 per cent. During May and June the we are faced with the transporta- come out of the war. One wonders condition of French exchange has shown a very marked improvement. tion difficulties of getting it. If now whether he may not be set- To a large extent this is the result of speculation and the promise of improved commercial conditions rather than the actual conditions themselves.

FRENCH EXCHANGE.

(Francs per dollar) August November December 10.61

Another thing which has affected the French exchange is the returns from the new taxes. France's budget for the present year totals 21,000,000,000 francs or a per capita tax of 550 francs. (\$106 at The tax returns for the first five months of 1920 show an excess over the returns for the same months of 1919 of 1,646,803,000 francs and they represent an excess over the budget estimate of more than 1,350,000,000 francs. The fact that these taxes have increased so much faster than expected gives some indication of the efforts the French people are making to put their finances on a pre-war basis. The improvement in the exchange situation has resulted in giving

France considerable foreign credits. It is stated that she is using these credits to purchase raw material with which to increase her production. Such a policy cannot help but still further revive her (Copyright, 1920, by Washington Herald.)

A DAILY LINE O' CHEER By John Kendrick Bangs

Some days when I am feeling old, And think of years as things of weight.

And Youth far off, and dead and And Self grown stedgy and sedate. turn my mind to distant strands

Where rise the Pyramids, and The Sphinx sits idly mid the sands And views them with a vacant stare.

straightway "oldness" falls away. Beside these truly ancien things.

Reared in some long forgotten day By not too well remembered am a very Child-in truth

The happy thought sweeps over That I've not even reached Youth. And scarce have come to In Colonial Beach - "Washington's

Peanuts and High Finance. Peanuts cost a Seattle, Wash. company \$5,200. They said they'd sell 300 carloads of Chinese peanuts to the Hale Company at one price and actually charged another, it was held by the court. Hotels and newsstands in New York City

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